

Petition wishes to eliminate CW testing altogether. CW is fundamental to emergency communications, which is the reason Amateur Radio is permitted and encouraged in the US. The current testing scheme works, and is producing new operators. CW is the essential fallback mode for communications; When conditions are too poor, or interference too heavy, for voice, CW can be sent, even from the TouchTone Pad on a VHF/UHF HT. If CW is no longer required, Amateur Radio emergency capabilities will degrade unnecessarily.